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# PRESS RELEASE

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**SUBJECT:** Safely Surrendered Newborn Infant at San Bruno Fire Station

**CASE NUMBER:** 1601797

**DATE OCCURRED:** May 25, 2016

**TIME OCCURRED:** 5:44 a.m.

On Wednesday, May 25, 2016, at approximately 5:44 a.m., a newborn infant was safely surrendered at San Bruno Fire Department Station 52 located at 1999 Earl Avenue in San Bruno. The infant appeared to be in good health, was treated by San Bruno firefighters, and was taken to a local hospital for examination.

California's Safely Surrendered Baby Law was introduced in 2001, and made into law in 2006. The law has saved the lives of many newborn infants who might otherwise have been abandoned in unsafe locations. Under the law, parents and other persons with lawful custody may safely surrender infants within 72 hours of birth, with no charges filed and no questions asked.

San Mateo County guarantees that there is always a safe place to leave your newborn, 24 hours a day / seven days a week. If for any reason you are unable to keep or care for your baby, you can safely leave your newborn infant up to three (3) days old at ANY hospital emergency room or full-time fire station in San Mateo County.

- You do not have to answer any questions or give your name if you do not wish to
- No charges will be filed against you
- Trained professionals will make sure your baby gets medical care and an adoptive home
- If you change your mind within 14 days, your baby will be returned to you, if you can provide a safe home

For more information, call the San Mateo County Human Services Agency (Children and Family Services) at 650-802-7922 or visit their website at <http://hsa.smcgov.org/safe-surrender-baby-info>.

The California Department of Social Services toll-free telephone hotline number provides information and the locations of safe surrender sites. **DIAL 1.877.BABY.SAF (1-877-222-9723)**. Their website can be located at [www.babysafe.ca.gov](http://www.babysafe.ca.gov).